

PIGEON SERVICE

Joseph Marsden an Enthusiastic
Homer.

BELIEVES IN FORMING COMPANY

Suggestions as to Caring
and Training Birds.

In Six Months the Service Could
Be Established—Loft Will
Be Necessary.

The editorial and subsequent articles on carrier pigeons which have lately appeared in the Advertiser are not without good results. A dozen different gentlemen have expressed themselves as enthusiasts on the subject and confident that a pigeon service between Honolulu and the other islands could be made a success within the next year. Among the few who have taken an active interest in the subject for years past is Joseph Marsden, Commissioner of Agriculture. As a member of the Legislature of 1892 he secured an appropriation of \$500 for the purpose of buying birds and establishing stations, but shortly after this was granted he went to India, and on his return the money had been expended. In a conversation with Mr. Marsden yesterday he said:

"I have studied the pigeons almost as much as I have the trees and shrubs of the islands, and while my knowledge is only theoretical, it is enough to enable me to talk intelligently on the subject. Belgian birds are, of course, the best, because the people there have made a business of training them, and they derive pleasure and profit in return. If the birds are good, everything will depend on the training and that takes time. In Antwerp much attention is paid to homing pigeons which are different to a certain degree from carriers.

"I believe a stock company with a capitalization of \$1,500 could be gotten up here, and the business made profitable at the end of two years. Young birds may be had for \$5 a pair, and old ones for double that amount. I would be perfectly willing to take stock in the company, and would do all I could to further it. We would need a proper loft here, and I think we should have a good stock of pigeons, old birds, so that there would not be too great a delay in establishing an inter-island service. It would be advisable, after a while, to take all the birds out at a time and train them together; they could be drilled first on land and in all directions. When that is done and the birds know their home it will be time to send them to sea. The first trial could be to Diamond Head, the next five miles further, and the third to Molokai. Steamers are always leaving for windward in the morning, and there would be no difficulty in training the birds. For the Kauai route it would take longer, because it does not always happen that vessels leave in the morning, and it is impossible to train them at night, for wherever night overtakes them they drop.

"Birds under a year old should not be flown more than 50 miles; after that, 100 miles; two years old, 200 miles, and so on. We could get old birds from California, and at the end of six months, probably, have them flying to Hawaii; in the meantime the young ones would be growing, for each hen should hatch 10 squabblers in a season. A great deal of care must be given to the loft in which the birds are kept, and it is necessary to employ a man as caretaker. The room must be dry and well ventilated, out of the way of cats and roosts; dampness is fatal to the birds. Wash the loft frequently with carbolic acid or paraffine, mixed or sprinkled kerosene oil around, but never on the birds. Fine sawdust and a few straws should be placed in the nest pans, and be sure and have plenty of perches.

"It seems to me that a pigeon service would be of great moment to the newspapers, because they could get the movements of vessels on the other islands. But it would be of still greater interest to the agents of sugar vessels that are waiting here for a cargo, and those are the people who should become shareholders. When I secured the appropriation from the Government I obtained permission from the managers of the steamship lines to have the birds carried free without ports, so they could be trained without expense. In the California papers, which I received yesterday, I notice that the United States Government has established a weather bureau on the Farrallones, and that reports are sent to San Francisco by pigeon service every morning.

"I do not know of any place in the world better suited to, or where a pigeon service would be more valuable than in these islands, so long as we have no cable. People will tell you that the strong wind in the channels will hinder the birds, but I doubt it; birds fly right in the teeth of just as strong winds as we have here, and while it may take longer to make the journey, if the birds are properly trained they will accomplish it. I sincerely hope good results will follow the second start made by the Advertiser. Keeping everlastingly at it will bring even a pigeon service, and anything I can do to 'push it along' will be done willingly."

New Teachers' Association.

MR. EDITOR:—By request of Mr. J. W. Smith, myself and a number of other teachers gathered at Pearl City School house on Saturday, January 30, 1897, for the purpose of organizing a teachers' association.

Mr. J. L. Dumas was called to the chair, and a short program carried

out. After some kindergarten songs, Mr. J. W. Smith gave a class drill in primary numbers. Judging from the neat appearance and good behavior of his pupils, I conclude they have received instructions in more than the three R's. Their answers were prompt, and, for the most part, correct, thus showing that they had been taught to think.

Mr. J. L. Dumas, acting as instructor, gave us some good advice. An organization was completed, and the last Saturday in each month fixed upon as a time for meeting.

We earnestly hope the teachers of that section will give their best efforts to the work, and that Mr. Smith will not let his enthusiasm abate in the good work begun.

T. P. HARRIS.

Honolulu, Feb. 1, 1897.

NEW STEAMSHIP OFFICERS.

The Oceanic Company Holds Its Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oceanic Steamship Company was held yesterday at the office of the company on Market street. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The only change made in personnel of the board of directors was in the election of Claus Spreckels to the vacancy created by the death of A. L. Tubbs. The new board is as follows: John D. Spreckels, A. B. Spreckels, Claus Spreckels, Charles Goodall, C. M. Goodall, A. C. Tubbs and J. A. Dickman.

The board organized by electing the following officers: President, John D. Spreckels; vice-president, Charles Goodall; agent and treasurer, John D. Spreckels & Brothers; secretary, E. H. Sheldon.

According to the annual report of the president the company was able to make an excellent financial showing for the year. The company's indebtedness in the form of an overdraft, which amounted to \$30,000 in May last, was reduced to \$14,000.—S. F. Chronicle, Jan. 22.

CARRIER PIGEON SERVICE.

First Information of Swanilda's Arrival Will be by a Bird.

This afternoon the carrier pigeon service from the Farrallones was tested, says the San Francisco Bulletin of January 20th. A Carlisle, manufacturing stationer, 417 Montgomery street, received the message at his pigeon loft in Berkeley. From that point it was telephoned immediately to his office in this city.

Mr. Carlisle has 50 homing pigeons in the Farrallones in charge of Miss Daisy Doud, the school teacher. He intends to get the first information of the arrival of the Swanilda. The gentleman makes a business of raising the swift carrier bird, and his stock are swift flyers. The winged messenger brought the following word:

FARRALLONE ISLAND, Jan. 20. 9:35 a. m. At 4:15 a. m. the 19th, a four-masted ship was seen off the island—at least it so appeared through the glass—but mist soon obscured it, and darkness fell.

As this was a ship with four masts (three with yards) and not knowing what is due, we take it to be the Swanilda.

NOLLE PROSEQUI.

In the Case of Blake for Opium in Possession.

There were quite a number of people present in the police court yesterday morning to listen to the trial of J. W. Blake on the charge of having opium in his possession. It will be remembered that a lichee nut filled with fresh opium was found in the trunk belonging to Blake and in the keeping of the janitor at the Mechanic's Home, an old man whose word no one doubts. He said that the trunk had been given into his charge after Blake arrived in December, at least a month ago. The opium in the lichee nut was new. The question is how did it come there and a mystery lies therein. Some have solved it.

Judge De La Vergne did not allow Blake to remain long in suspense and a nolle prosequi was entered immediately.

SOME FUN AT THE HOTEL.

(A la French Dinner.)
The Australia's in, the house is full,
The ladies are dressed to kill;
And we, old fossils, who pay the bills
Why, we are mostly nil.

The nice young man with the sweet
moustache,
Is fully in the swim,
And every girl under 60 years
Goes just one eye on him.

The dining room is filled with guests,
Corks are popping loud,
The clerk is wearing his newest smile,
The manager's looking proud.

A pile of plates goes slamety bang,
A lady near by jumps,
A lively waiter grabs them up
And for the kitchen hump.

The cook is badly rattled,
Walters are on the fly,
The old earth still goes slowly round
Great Scott! we're living high.

Who would not live in the Paradise
of the Pacific? as they say,
And quietly smile once in a while
When the fun comes 'round this way.
—WALK-IN MILLER.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericks-town, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Agents for the Hawaiian Islands.



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